THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Metallurgical grade bauxite deposits of the order of 455.84 million tonnes have been located (as on 1.1. 1985) in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Out of these, 420 62 million tonnes bauxite deposits have been located in Visakhapatnam District.

(b) and (c). In the feasibility report prepared under the Indo-Soviet Co-operation, MECON has suggested Krishnadeva Peta as a suitable site for an Alumina Plant. In view of the subsequent lack of interest by the erstwhile Soviet Union, it has been decided to drop the project. In the changed situation some public and private sector companies have evinced interest in setting up 100% EOU Alumina Plants based on Andhra Pradesh Bauxite Deposits.

Illegal Telephone Connections

7109. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that several groups are operating in the country who arrange for telephone connections illegally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons apprehended and action taken against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c). No. Sir. No specific case or instance has come to the notice of this Department. Further the rules for provision, transfer shift etc. of telephone connections are clearly laid down. At the time of release of new connections, advertisements are also given in leading newspapers for information of the public and they are advised to meet a concerned officer of the Department in case of difficulty or delay in the provision of connection (s).

Domestic Telephone Calls

7110. SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of domestic telephone calls coming to the Department of Telecommunications and the cost charged by the department from the consumers; and

(b) the basis of fixing this cost?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The cost per telephone call comes to Re. 0.90 approximately. The Department charges at the rate of Re. 0.80 per call up to 1000 calls beyond 150 free calls and and Rs.1.10 per call in excess of 1000 calls in a bi-monthly period.

(b) The cost (tariff) of a call is fixed keeping in view, inter-alia, the expenditure in operations, transmission and maintenance of the service.

Telecom Advisory committee

7111. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether telephone advisory committees have been set up in all the States/Union Territories;